

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please kindly amend claim 1 as follows.

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1. (amended): A method of irrigating a crop area of at least 1000 m<sup>2</sup> by pumping water through feed ducting and a mixing zone to a spray manifold supplying one or more spraying devices by which the water is sprayed onto the crop area and in which a substantially stable dispersion in a liquid of water soluble polymer particles is metered at a predetermined rate of 0.5 to [30] 50 ppm into the water at or before the mixing zone and the polymer particles are substantially dissolved into the water before the water is sprayed from the spraying devices.
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